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THE CHURCH SECURITY PLAN IN THE OAKLAND STAKE

By J. Edward Johnson

As the administrators of the Church Security Plan in the Oakland Stake see it, the Church's economic responsibility to its members is dual in its character.

First, there is the matter of administering proper relief to the poor who are unable to take care of their own needs by reason of age or other infirmities. Their needs will continue to be cared for through the Relief Society, the great charity organization of the Church, which has given study and thought over many years to the problems of charity and its administration. With this organization this problem has been reduced more or less to a science; Relief Society workers have become experts in its handling, and with them things will go on pretty much as they always have.

Second, there are some men and women in the Church, with good records in living all of the laws, including the faithful payment of tithes and offerings, who have been thrown out of employment and have been unable to get new employment before their resources have become depleted. They are physically and mentally able, ready and willing to work, but cannot find it. These do not present a problem of charity at all, and their needs should not be approached on any of the theories of charity.

A man who finds himself in this predicament should let his needs be known to his bishop. If further information or investigation is needed the bishop will in turn request the group leader of the Priesthood group to which the man belongs, who will go over matters with him as brother .to brother and man to man; and will report further to the bishop with recommendations. Two things will then take place. The Priesthood of the ward will proceed to do everything they can to help the man get a job. And pending his getting a job the Church will give him a job on some Church project. For his work on the project he will be given receipts which he will present to the storehouse, and receive therefrom what he needs in money, food and clothing as agreed among himself, his bishop and the Priesthood leader. If his needs and the size of his family call for five dollars per day, or even more, they will be met.

The procedure for ladies who are able to work and cannot find it, differs but slightly. Instead of their bishop referring the matter to a Priesthood group leader, he may request the Relief Society to assist in finding employment. The Relief Society will not, in such cases, be acting as an administrator of charity, but rather as sisters helping each other.

Fast offerings and goods given to the storehouse will be used as far as available to meet the demands on these Church projects. If the fast offerings and goods so

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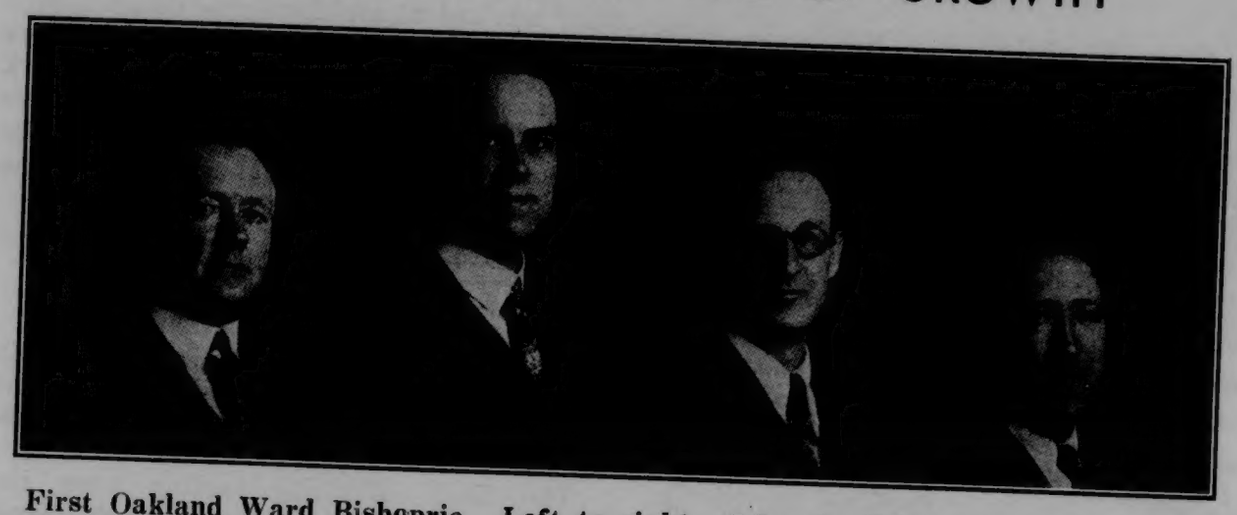
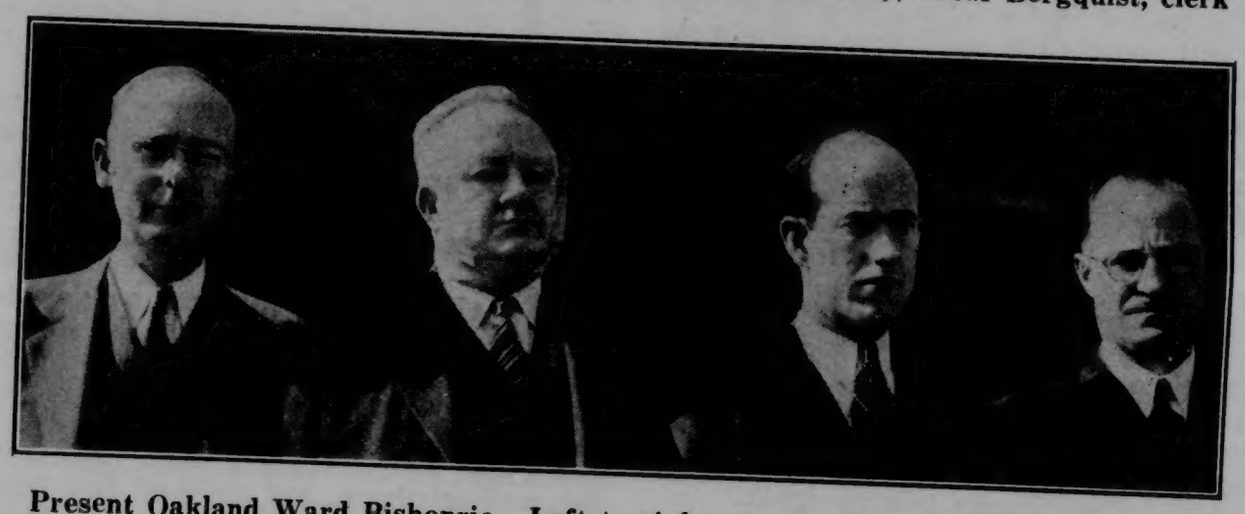
OAKLAND BRANCH ONE OF GROWTH



First Oakland Ward Bishopric. Left to right: John G. Shields, First Counselor; Charles C. Carr, Bishop; Joseph T. Carruth, Second Counselor; (W. Loyal Hall was second counselor for a short time preceding Brother Carruth), Oscar Bergquist, clerk



Present Oakland Ward Bishopric. Left to right: Angus H. Norberg, First Counselor; John G. Shields, Bishop; Ralph S. Barney, Second Counselor; Jesse W. Haddock, clerk.

In the January Messenger, President J. Edward Johnson wrote of the birth and growth of Oakland Branch, the oldest branch in the California Mission having a continuous existence. He covered the period from 1890, when J. W. Picket and Mark Lindsay, doing missionary work in Oakland, baptized Norman B. Phillips, our present Stake Patriarch, and Alfred A. Nethercott, his wife, his daughter Charlotte, and his son, Charles J. Nethercott, and the latter's wife, down to the organization of the San Francisco Stake on July 10, 1927. The purpose of this article is to carry that history, as it pertains to Oakland Ward, down to the present day.

President Norman B. Phillips was released as Oakland Branch President in June, 1920, having served continuously as presiding elder for 9 years and as president of the branch for 14 years. W. Aird MacDonald was thereupon made president with Willard D. Ellis and J. Edward Johnson as his counselors. J. Edward Johnson was succeeded by William F. Everett.

The branch grew from 450 members in 1920 to some 1500 in 1926. The first twig cut off the branch was Richmond. This was followed in 1926 by a general division into five others: Oakland, Dimond, Elmhurst, Berkeley and Martinez.

On July 10, 1927, Elders Rudger Clawson and George Albert Smith with the president of the California Mission, Joseph W. McMurrin, organized San Francisco Stake with W. Aird MacDonald, J. Edward Johnson and Clyde Lindsay as its Presidency. Clyde Lindsay, upon his removal to Watsonville, was replaced by Eugene B. Hilton. When San Francisco Stake was divided, early in 1935, most of the old officers were residents in and became officers of the new Oakland Stake.

Charles C. Carr, originally a convert from Florida as a young boy, was ordained the first bishop of Oakland Ward, on July 10, 1927; and on the same day John G.

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> "It has always been a cardinal teaching with the Latter-day Saints that a religion that has not the power to save people temporally and make them prosperous and happy here, cannot be depended upon to save them spiritually, and to exalt them in the life to come."
>
> —Joseph Smith

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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A MARK TO SHOOT AT

According to a bulletin just received from the Presiding Bishop's Office, San Francisco Stake ranks eighth in the Church in a comparative rating of attendance at Weekly Priesthood meetings, ward teaching, and attendance at sacrament meeting; Oakland Stake ranks twenty-eighth.

Out of a comparative maximum rating of 400 points, San Francisco Stake achieved 200 and Oakland Stake 123.

The statistics for these two Stakes are as follows:

Aaronic Priesthood Attendance: (weekly meetings)	
San Francisco	32%
Oakland	26%
Melchizedek Priesthood Attendance	
San Francisco	51%
Oakland	38%
Ward Teachers' Visits	
San Francisco	80%
Oakland	36%
Sacrament Meeting Attendance	
San Francisco	37%
Oakland	23%

It is, or should be, stimulating to use a mirror consistently to really see ourselves as others see us. Stimulation in the foregoing statistics is not lacking. Where will it take us the next few months?

HAVE YOU THE MESSENGER IN YOUR HOME?

It is the desire of the Stake Presidency and the aim of the Messenger staff, that every home in this Stake shall be visited monthly by the Messenger. Are you getting yours? If not, see your bishop or a member of the staff.

SECURITY PROGRAM

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received are insufficient, the tithes of the Church may be drawn upon. The bishops have instructions on the procedure to be followed.

Perhaps there is a third class, where both the problem of charity, and procuring employment enter in. They will be so handled according to the judgment of the bishop.

The Priesthood groups and Relief Society are requested to check up fully with regard to their own members and keep themselves fully advised at all times and do all things necessary to see to it that their members are looked after. If it involves getting work for able bodied men and women, they have a real job. If, however, the situation falls into the class of charity, the bishop and the Relief Society will handle the matter.

WARD TEACHERS'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH, 1937

Living Our Religion

Upon every person claiming membership in the Church rests the responsibility of so living that every act will reflect credit upon the Church.

The first obligation resting upon the Church, as declared by the Prophet Joseph Smith, is to preach the Gospel to the world. This is a great responsibility—a sacred and exalted calling. But the second obligation that of living our religion, is still higher and greater.

These two obligations are very closely related. The preaching of the Elders would be immeasurably increased in effectiveness, if the demonstrated fruits of Mormonism were reflected in the lives of all members of the Church. If we have faith enough to live the plain principles of our religion, to practice what we have been taught all our days, we are destined to become "the pride and glory of the earth." If we care for our poor better than other churches do; if our young people enjoy greater opportunities and privileges, and grow up free from sin and uncontaminated with the wickedness of the world; if we are distinguished for our honesty, our sobriety, our industry, and the true spirit of cooperation in all things; if we do actually have better health and live longer; if our lives are happier and fuller, the world will soon come to know, and the efforts of the missionaries will have far greater force and effect. The Elders will be sought after. Our non-Mormon friends who live among us will be impressed. The Church will grow and expand as never before.

We cannot all do missionary work abroad, but we can render valuable and important missionary service here at home. To do this is our simple duty. The standing of the Church is unquestionably more favorable than ever before. But how much more favorable would it be, if we all really lived our religion?

This is a day of demonstration. Seventeen hundred missionaries may preach this Gospel loud and long, far and near, but they can never preach it with the convincing power that we can do by living it.

MISSIONARIES

The president of the district missionary work in Vallejo, Henry Neerings, has been called to be a counselor to Bishop Alvin G. Cheshire. John M. Telford, formerly branch president, has been selected as the new Vallejo district president.

NEW L. D. S. CHURCH BOOKS

"The Soul's Fire" by Jeremiah Stokes. Has received flattering book reviews.

"Life of Charles C. Rich," by John Henry Evans. You can scarcely understand the character and devotion of these early L. D. S. historians until you read this best writing of this well known author.

"Program of the Church," by John A. Widtsoe. This book is the outgrowth of a textbook for the course in the L. D. S. religion given at U. S. C. in Los Angeles by Elder Widtsoe. Most stimulating.

Remember, our Stake Book Depository in the Oakland Chapel delivers to you any Church publication and saves you the added expense of postage on books.

Why Not Budget Regularly and Build Up a Worth-While Church Library In Your Home?

D. U. P. ORGANIZES IN BERKELEY

Another camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers was organized in Berkeley Ward on February 18 under the direction of Mrs. Kate Snow, a past president of the general organization, and Minnie Ellsworth and Effie Gibbs of the Alameda county organization. About forty ladies were present at the organization, which chose the following officers: Jessie Lund, Captain; Wanda B. Harmon, First Vice Captain; Marie Thomas, Second Vice Captain; Maybelle Anderson, Secretary-treasurer; Mary Dunham, Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Gardner, Historian; Laurene Ellis, Recorder; Pearl Taylor, Chaplain. The first meeting of the new organization was held at the home of Wanda B. Harmon the afternoon of March 1st, at which a few additional offices were filled, too late, however, for inclusion in this issue.

ACHIEVEMENT

To Dr. Eugene Hilton, beloved member of the Stake Presidency, has recently come the signal honor of winning the Atlantic Monthly prize of $4000 for the best manuscript submitted in a contest for a high school text book in the field of social studies. Dr. Hilton's manuscript will be published by the Atlantic Monthly Press next Fall in two volumes, under the title "Problems and Values of Today."

The book, written chiefly during vacation periods, represents four years' work developed in the classrooms of Oakland high schools. It grew out of discussions and recommendations of a committee of social study teachers. It emphasizes the importance of studying current problems as a foundation for constructive citizenship.

Dr. Hilton has had a number of other magazine and research articles published from time to time, including his thesis for the doctor's degree at the University of California, on "The Junior College Book List." At present Dr. Hilton is head of the social studies department of the Roosevelt High School.

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Shields and W. Loyal Hall were ordained High Priests and set apart as counselors to the new bishop, and Henry White was made ward clerk. The latter was succeeded, upon his removal to Elmhurst, by Carl Berquist. On February 19, 1928, Joseph T. Carruth became second counselor, succeeding Loyal Hall who had found it necessary to move to Utah for his health.

Due to business pressure and the fact that he was a resident in Berkeley, Bishop Carr was released February 9, 1930 and was succeeded by Eugene B. Jacobs. Bishop Jacobs chose as his counselors John C. Stirrat and Dean Ursenbach, and as his clerk, James Kay.

On November 16, 1930, Dean Ursenbach was released as second counselor because he had moved to Fresno, California, whereupon Ralph B. Jordan was ordained an High Priest and set apart as second counselor to Bishop Jacobs by Apostle George Albert Smith.

On February 21, 1932, John C. Stirrat was released from the position of first counselor to Bishop Jacobs due to pressure of business, at which time Ralph B. Jordan was set apart as first counselor and A. Eldon Rex was made second counselor. On July 24, 1932, Ralph B. Jordan was released upon his request because of his employment. He was replaced as first counselor by A. Eldon Rex and Ether M. Davey was set apart as second counselor.

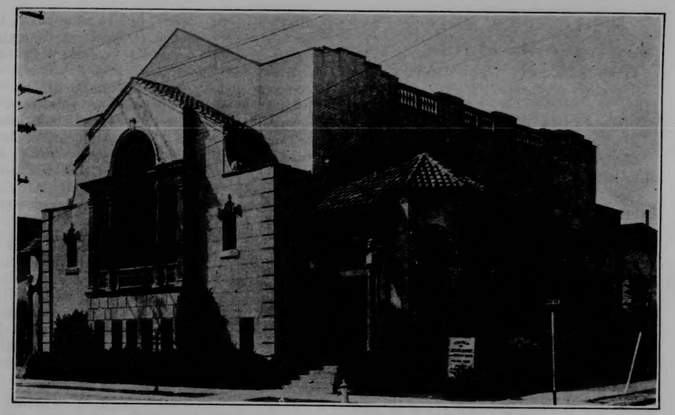
On September 10, 1933, Eugene B. Jacobs retired as Bishop of the Oakland Ward. He was succeeded by John G. Shields who is now serving as the third Bishop of Oakland Ward. Bishop Shields selected A. Eldon Rex and Ether M. Davey as his counselors. On May 26, 1935, A. Eldon Rex was released due to his removal to Honolulu, T. H. Thereupon Ether M. Davey was set apart as first counselor and Angus H. Norberg was set apart as second counselor. In the meantime Jesse Haddock was made Ward Clerk.

Due to ill health Ether M. Davey was granted his release at his request on July 14, 1935, at which time Angus H. Norberg was made first counselor to Bishop John J. Shields while Ralph S. Barney was made second counselor. These brethren constitute the Bishopric of the Oakland Ward at this time with Jesse Haddock as Ward Clerk.

The first Relief Society Presidency of the Oakland Ward consisted of Margaret Young Kay, president; Bessie Hughes and Viola Carr, counselors, with Mary T. Ingham, secretary.

Upon the death of industrious and efficient Margaret Kay, Mary Jordan, wife of Ralph B. Jordan, became president. Upon her removal to Los Angeles she was succeeded by Evan Bennett. Mrs. Bennett was released by reason of her health and was followed by Mrs. Grover Rich. Mrs. Rich was in turn succeeded by Irene Bastow, the present president, whose counselors are Clara J. Feller and Dorothy Stone, with Hallie S. Nickerson as secretary.

No account of Oakland Ward is complete without mention of such stalwart workers as John Larson, Archer Willey, George Haddock, James Gain, James Sharp, Nellie MacDonald, Sarah Carruth, Ivie Breck. Space does not permit an account of their activities nor of the other auxiliary organizations.



Oakland Chapel, First L. D. S. Chapel Built in San Francisco Bay Area. Dedicated by President Grant, May 13, 1923. 923 Persons were Present.

OAKLAND WARD VIRILE AND GROWING

In spite of many amputations made necessary to properly care for the lustily growing Church in this region, the mother branch herself remains full of all the dash and vigor of youth. Hale and hearty though she is, because those terms are usually applied to old age and because she will admit age only in comparative reckoning with her numerous young offspring, it would perhaps be best to refer to the Oakland Ward as chock full of vim, vigor and vitality.

The reason is not far to seek. Aside from that all-powerful influence, the eternal principles of the Gospel itself, Oakland Ward is blessed with a full corps of efficient officers and teachers who enjoy the spirit and vision of the work, and who ably carry on what those going before so nobly started. In tribute to the unselfish work of these people, we list their names here by their organizations for all the Stake to see:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vinal Mauss	Superintendent
Karl Fielding	First Assistant
Easton Willey	Second Assistant
Lucy Johnson	Secretary
Vernon Chapman	Chorister
Karleton Driggs	Organist

Teachers

Archer Willey	Wm. J. Nielsen
Reed Chase	Alwin Bagley
Glen Elliott	Harry Fletcher
Mildred Evans	Rita Kaleikau
Elizabeth Burdette	Maud West

Y. M. M. I. A.

J. Rulon Doxey	President
Elwin Bagley	First Counselor
Benard Nelson	Second Counselor
Henry Whiffen	Secretary

Teachers

Wm. J. Nielsen	Theodore Beal

Y. W. M. I. A.

Athelia Pitchforth	President
Fern Barney	First Counselor
Mildred Allred	Second Counselor
Eloise King	Secretary
Minnie Gain	Organist
Wanda Chase	Chorister

Teachers

Claire Brown	Nelle MacDonald
Eva Harker	Margaret Owen

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

J. George Haddock	President
Henry Lofgren	First Counselor
Jess Haddock	Second Counselor
Grace Fletcher	Secretary
Rebecca Nethercott	Organist
Rita Kaleikau	Chorister

BOY SCOUTS

Glen Gee	Scout Master

Scout Committee

Adrian Hess	James Wright
Ray Shields	Elmer Harker

RELIEF SOCIETY

Irene Bastow	President
Clara Filler	First Counselor
Dorothy Stone	Second Counselor
Hallie Nickerson	Secretary
Hazel Lofgren	Organist
Ethel Mauss	Chorister
Esther Cooley	Magazine Agent

CLASS LEADERS

Bessie Stephens	Literary
Margaret Fielding	Teachers Topic
Leona Schumann	Theology
Elizabeth Bergman	Sewing
Emma Smith	Social Service

PRIMARY

Ida B. Nielson	Superintendent
Mary Randall	First Counselor
Geneve Hess	Second Counselor
Esther Cooley	Secretary
Rita Kaleikau	Play Leader
Minnie Gain	Organist

Teachers

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Elmhurst—John J. Kest, Elmo Carr.
Hayward—Claude M. Dewsnup, Janet MacDonald.
Martinez—Don J. Allphin, Edward Kingsford.
Oakland—C. C. Carr, Edward Partington.
Richmond—W. T. Hicken, Bromwell Z. Cox.
Vallejo — Nathan C. Tolman, Reed H. Chase.

LIBRARY OF CHURCH BOOKS COMMENCED

The plan of the Stake Sunday School Board announced in the last issue, whereby municipal libraries become the depositories of Church books, is proving as popular as it is unique. Much interest has been aroused.

The Sunday School Board has arranged with public libraries and their branches in each locality where a ward or branch of the Oakland Stake is located whereby Church books may be donated to the library bearing inscriptions by the donors of such books on the fly-leaves. The first books so donated, to the Oakland Public Library, were the six-volume set, Roberts' History of the Church, bearing an inscription in honor of President and Mrs. W. Aird MacDonald.

If a family wishes to honor any member thereof with a memorial, no more appropriate one, nor useful, could be found than such a gift of books with appropriate inscriptions. The Church receives the cooperation of the librarians in caring for the books, while the books serve as silent missionaries, available to all readers at all times during library hours.

Each organization of the Stake is urged to add its books to these collections. All may participate therein. If you have any books to spare, donate them to the Sunday School Board which will place them where they will do the most good. If you have some loved one for whom you wish to create a lasting monument, do it with books in this manner.

RELIEF SOCIETY

March 17th, birthday of the oldest women's organization in the world, the glorious Relief Society, ninety-five years old!

Mists of many years have fallen on Nauvoo
But the women brave who labored there
This day in glowing memory love anew;
And from the altered arch of time and space
They reach their eager hands to us,
For we, as daughters of that steadfast race
Have sought to follow where they passed
And find the widow and the orphaned one;
In paths where want and sorrow walk
Still work of love and charity is done.
And yet we could not serve so well,
Or seek with faith for wisdom's road to go
Had you not set an ensign on our way,
O valiant sisters of the long ago!

Organized by the prophet Joseph Smith, not only for the purpose of relieving the distress of the needy, but to save souls, to manifest benevolence irrespective of creed or nationality; to assist in correcting the morals and strengthening the virtues of community life; to raise human life to its highest level; to elevate and enlarge the scope of women's activities and conditions; to foster love for religion, education, culture and refinement; to develop faith; to study and teach the gospel; and to "provoke **the brethren** to good works." All this when women's rights and privileges were very limited!

This year we shall make March 17th a gala day. All wards will join in an exhibit of hand work and flowers and a happy day together. We are counting on each Relief Society member to have at least one article on exhibit. More details will be given in your ward meetings. We invite all the Stake to be with us in the Oakland Chapel to enjoy our birthday party.

—Ruth R. Shurtleff

PRIMARY

Jean Lauper, the Stake Primary Superintendent for the past two years, has been released and Mary Randall has been chosen to carry on in her place. Merla Wilkins, assistant to Jean, has also moved to San Francisco. The Stake will greatly miss them both and wishes them joy in their new home.

Our March Union meeting for Primary workers will be held in Oakland Ward on March 31 at 10 a. m. We trust that this change in date and time will make it easier for all Primary workers to attend one hundred percent.

FOURTH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OF BOOK OF MORMON CANTATA

A brain-storm on the part of an enthusiastic member of the choral society which performed the Liahona previous years, has resulted in a plan, now underway, of giving this cantata an annual performance until the year 1939, at which time it is proposed to culminate the project at the San Francisco World's Fair, in connection with the church exhibition.

Professor Reeder and his Claremont Choral Society have consented to undertake the production of the work and have been holding weekly rehearsals since the first of the year. A large group of L. D. S. Singers from the various wards have joined the choral society for temporary participation. Berkeley bishopric have opened their ward church on Wednesday nights for the rehearsals. It is planned to present the performance about the last of March in some large auditorium, perhaps the Civic Auditorium Theatre, as was done last year with professional soloists. The High Counsel are behind the proposition in a business way.

This dramatic and colorful composition by our stake chorister, W. K. Driggs, deserves the support of all members of the stake.

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BASKETBALL

Those who missed the M-Men basketball play-off on February 20 and 22 missed some very good basketball. Saturday night the San Francisco All-stars beat the Oakland All-stars, who then played Dimond. Dimond won with a score of 45 to 23. Those who came out Monday night witnessed one of the fastest games ever played in the 12th District with Dimond playing Reno. Dimond took an early lead and kept it all the way through with the Reno boys always a constant threat. The game ended with a score of 53-49 in favor of Dimond. Unless the teams in Salt Lake are very exceptional Dimond should come back winners.

The M-Men wish to thank all those who have supported them thus far this year and for those who couldn't make it this season, "We'll be seeing you next year."

The M-Men are planning a tennis tournament which will be open to all those who are interested. If enough interest is shown we would like to arrange a girls' team.

MISSIONARY INVESTIGATORS' MEETING

The second of a series of meetings, designed especially for investigators, will be held in the Oakland Chapel, Sunday evening March 7. These meetings, conducted by the Stake Missionaries are being rotated among the Wards and through the cooperation of the M. I. A. are held in lieu of the conjoint session program in the particular Ward where the meeting is being held. The program is designed to be of especial interest to those inquiring concerning Mormonism. It will also feature talks on the Church Security Program, World Affairs and Universal Salvation. Colored pictures of the ruins of Central America will also be shown. Music will be furnished by the Mormon Male Chorus.

President Heber James Brown and his fellow Missionaries are distributing one thousand printed circulars for the meeting.

WARD NEWS

ELMHURST

Glen Smith was released from the office of second assistant in the Sunday School Superintendency, with a vote of thanks for his fine work. L. C. Eggertz has been chosen as the new assistant in the Sunday School. Glen Smith is our Ward Clerk.

The Genealogical Society sponsored a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cheney and family. They are leaving for Idaho where they plan to make their home.

We held another very successful Ward Dance last month. We appreciate the cooperation we are getting from the members and their friends. An announcement of another Barn Dance this month was greeted enthusiastically and we are anticipating a large crowd for our dance on March 9. Don't forget the date.

The Elmhurst Ward welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Marsh and family, Mrs. Pearl Connolly, Mrs. Herbert Bauer, and Bert Austin to our Ward.

A surprise shower was held for Lida Starr at the home of Mrs. R. Cheney. She received many lovely gifts.

While the Relief Society Sisters were busy with their quilting and project work Tuesday, February 9, they were pleasantly surprised by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Holder who had a lovely prepared lunch of turkey, potato salad, and hot chocolate which was served from the Relief Society kitchen.

Mrs. A. Schipper spent several days with her mother in Ogden, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moody from Delta, Utah, and Mrs. M. Moody from Hinckley, Utah are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Moody.

LaMar Cheney spent a few days with his folks in Idaho but decided to come back and enjoy the California weather.

Anyone having any news items please drop them in the box which will be placed in the outside hall of the chapel.

MARTINEZ

Mrs. Elsie Nix is in Mesa, Arizona, where she will remain about a month doing temple work.

Mrs. B. Rasmussen visited here with her sister Mrs. W. Bradbury and her brother Bert Guyman and their families.

Bro. Claude Wadsworth's mother is visiting here from Ogden, Utah.

The Book of Mormon Club of Pittsburg under the leadership of Mr. Kirby, presented the program in Sacrament meeting February 14.

Mr. Claude Dewsnup of the High Council was the speaker at Sacrament Meeting February 21.

The Primary children were entertained at a Valentine party in the church, February 12. Games and a Valentine box were features of the party. About 25 attended. In the evening the adults were entertained at a dance in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dahlin and family have moved to Concord.

Mr. Stirrat and Mr. Smith of the Stake Sunday School Board were visitors at our Sunday School February 21 in the interest of the new Sunday School program.

Mrs. Natalie Sant and daughter Jeanne have returned from a month's visit with relatives in Salt Lake City.

Our Relief Society presented the program at Sacrament meeting January 24.

Arland E. Olsen and family have moved to the Berkeley Ward.

Dexter Larson has been transferred to Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond of Logan, Utah, father and mother of Gordon Hammond, have been visiting at the home of their son for the past month.

Mrs. Ella Stephens of Texas has been visiting with Mrs. Andie Johnson.

VALLEJO

Following the reorganization of Vallejo Ward, the Mutual is now functioning very efficiently under the able leadership of their new officers and teachers. Parley Merrill has been chosen as the Superintendent of the Young Men, with Walter Bolander and Elmer Lathrop as his Counselors. Orta Prescott as President of the Young Women with Elverda Telford and Mary Standley as her aids.

Marion P. Hiatt has been chosen as President of the Vallejo Genealogical Committee, the position formerly occupied by Alvin G. Cheshire and the class is keeping up their 100% attendance at meetings, everyone enjoying the new lesson course, "The Progress of Man."

Vallejo Ward will soon be in a position to boast of a primary. Under the direction of Georgia Coleman as superintendent they will give their opening party March 2, in the Women's Club Building.

Muriel A. Smith, a former member of Vallejo Ward, and secretary of the Vallejo Genealogical Committee, who with her three children is visiting in Grand Island, Nebraska, writes that she is an active worker in the Mission Branch there, and that Peter, her eldest son, was recently baptized by the missionaries in that district. We regret to learn that upon her return she will locate in Vancouver, Washington.

Sunday evening, February 14, our Ward was given a real treat when we had as our speaker at Sacrament Meeting, Bromwell Z. Cox.

ALAMEDA

Jack Russell Lund, age 2 years, son of Reuben Lund died unexpectedly Monday, February 22. He is thought to have picked up poison bait left for a dog. He is survived by his father, Reuben Lund, his mother, Ruth, and a 9 year old sister, Patricia.

Joseph Harman has been released as Ward Clerk and Horace Yeaman has been appointed in his place.

The Mutual Improvement held a Valentine party February 16. Games were played and a valentine box was the center of attraction. The latter part of the evening was enjoyed by dancing.

Joseph Harman and Clair Hunt have been set apart as Stake Missionaries.

William and John Clayson have returned from Spanish Fork, Utah, where they attended their brother's, Eli Anthon Clayson, funeral.

Mrs. June Franklin has returned from Los Angeles where she has been spending the past few months.

We welcome William M. Bahr from the Osgood Ward of the North Idaho Falls Stake to our Ward.

The Ward Amusement and Financial committees are working hard on the program of the fifth annual Ward Reunion. It is to be held March the 9th at the Sciots' Hall at 6 p. m.

OAKLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter Lucy to Reese Thompson. The marriage will be performed in the Logan Temple on March 16.

Mrs. Vernon Chapman is visiting in Utah and Idaho.

Our Sunday School has recently been reorganized with Vinal Mauss as Superintendent, Mr. Fielding and Easton Willey assisting.

A crowd of young friends entertained at a shower in honor of Melba Shields at the home of Leona Davey.

The M. I. A. are planning a big ward entertainment for March 5.

Our ward choir are preparing to present the Easter cantata "Victory." Chorister Chapman invites you to join if you enjoy singing.

We are all happy to learn that Mr. Davey is improving so rapidly.

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DIMOND

The Ward will be pleased to hear of the marked improvement in the condition of little Patricia Hilton, who has been critically ill with scarlet fever.

A farewell testimonial was given Friday evening, February 26, for Roy Weindorf, who is leaving for Salt Lake the end of the month prior to his departure for a foreign mission. The Mormon Male Chorus contributed to the success of the fine program. Dancing was enjoyed, and the large crowd in attendance speaks well for Roy's popularity.

Parley Fish Sr. is the new 2nd Counselor to Superintendent Francis Gealta of the Sunday School, succeeding Elmer Clarke, who is now a member of the Bishopric.

Mrs. Gertrude Nelson gave a delightful luncheon for the members of the Bible Study Club at her home Wednesday, February 24, in honor of Mrs. Electa Dixon who is leaving for New York, where she will spend the next six months with her son.

A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the final basketball game of the Tournament Monday night, February 23, at the Emeryville High School. The fine sportsmanship displayed speaks well for the development gained through participation in this particular type of activity of the M. I. A. We are happy that Dimond again has the opportunity of sending the winning team to Salt Lake.

Much favorable comment has been given the Dimond Ladies Chorus who have unitedly given their support to W. King Driggs in his yearly presentation of the Mormon Cantata, "The Liahona."

The basketball team, together with the Gleaner girls and M-Men, gave a party for Roy Weindorf at the home of Dorothy Kilner, February 23.

Esther Wallace and her husband, of Soda Springs, Idaho, spent a couple of days with her sister, Winnifred Phelps, en route to her home from Southern California.

Gregor Segerstedt has just been installed the new Ward Clerk, succeeding Joseph Welch.

The first meeting of the new Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers was held February 8 at the home of Patricia Fish. Eighteen members were present, with President Minnie Ellsworth and Registrar Effie Gibbs of the County Camp as guests.

Thirty-eight couples participated in a no host dinner and dancing party given at the Horn of Plenty, 346 Grand Avenue, Thursday evening, February 25. Amelia Jones and Irene Briggs are the new proprietors of this delightful dining room, and thoroughly appreciated the patronage of the Church people.

BERKELEY

Mr. and Mrs. J. Goulden Evans and family, formerly of Idaho Falls, Idaho, have moved to Berkeley. Mr. Evans has entered the School of Mines at the University of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Ericksen have visiting with them Sheldon's mother, Mrs. E. E. Ericksen of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Ericksen is the wife of Dr. E. E. Ericksen of the University of Utah and a member of the Primary General Board.

Several members of the Berkeley Deseret Club went on a hike on Monday, February 22.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larsen, a daughter, Priscilla Ann, November 22, 1936, Martinez
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whiffen, a son, Oakland
To Mr. and Mrs. Glen Robison, a son, Martinez
To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guyman, a son, Martinez
To Mr. and Mrs. George P. Barber, a son, January 31, 1937, Martinez

DEATHS

Mrs. Vernal Woods, formerly of Martinez, lately of Fresno; buried in American Fork, Utah—Martinez
Ernest E. Crosbie, January 29, 1937—Alameda
Jack Russell Lund, February 22, 1937—Alameda
Emma Booth Johnson, January 31, 1937—Elmhurst

MARRIAGES

Ila Cheney to Dean Starr, January 29, Bishop MacFarlane officiating—Elmhurst
Margaret Elodie Kest to Orlando B. Krause, February 14, Bishop Shields officiating—Oakland
Melba Shields to Norman Venturi, January 27, Bishop Shields officiating—Oakland

BAPTISMS

Joseph Grant Fjelstrom—Oakland
Edward Joseph Phillips—Oakland
Carol Davidson—Elmhurst

ORDINATIONS

Easton Archer Willey, ordained an Elder—Oakland
Kenneth Duffin, ordained a Teacher—Elmhurst
Kenneth Perkins, ordained a Teacher—Elmhurst
Glen Marchant, ordained a Deacon—Elmhurst
James W. Muir, ordained a Deacon—Elmhurst
Kenneth Jones, ordained a Deacon—Oakland

A round table discussion was held in the Deseret Club room on "War and Its Prevention."

A Rod and Gun Club has been organized with George Hughes as leader. Membership is restricted to twelve members, nine of whom have already signed up.

The M-Men and Gleaners held a scavenger hunt February 16 at the home of Mrs. Reed S. Gardner.

The M. I. A. play, "So This Is London," will be presented very shortly. Watch for the date.

MALE CHORUS WINNING RECOGNITION

Deserved recognition for an outstanding musical organization of the bay region is coming from all directions. The Mormon Male Chorus under the leadership of Robert Sant were recent guests at the Alameda Professional and Business Women's Club "International Dinner" at the Hotel Alameda. Their numbers were highly appreciated.

The Chorus held its periodical election recently. Denzel Allen succeeded Parley Fish as President, and Junius Payne succeeded Jay Brown as Secretary.

Persons and organizations desiring services of the Chorus should call Denzel Allen, AShberry 9636.

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ERNEST E. CROSBIE

Ernest E. Crosbie of Alameda died January 29, 1937 as a result of an appendicitis operation. He was operated on the 17th and was thought to be regaining strength and was taken home where he passed away shortly after. He was 28 years of age. He was married September 9, 1933 to Dorothy Wayne. He was an Elder and was active in church work. At the time of his death he was second assistant in the Sunday School Superintendency. He is survived by his wife and daughter Phyllis. Interment was held at Ogden, Utah, after impressive funeral services were held in Alameda.

NEW BOOK OF MORMON CLUB

A Sunday night Book of Mormon class has been organized in Oakland Ward. The organization took place on January 10 at the home of Eloise King. Clifford Bagley was chosen as president, Alwin Bagley as assistant and Dorothy Parry as secretary. William J. Nielsen was selected as class leader.

It is encouraging to find our young people so interested in gospel study. This class is rapidly out-growing its fondest expectations in membership. With an average attendance of forty-two members an organization of a second class is expected in the near future.

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